Production of Edible Oil

1210. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated indigenous production of edible oil this year in view of the fact that major oilseed producing states like Gujarat and Andhra pradesh are facing drought conditions this year;

(b) what is the average prevailing price of edible oils in the market and how does it compared with the prices during the last three years;

(c) what measures are being contemplated to keep the edible oil price within control; with details thereof; and

(d) the quantity of edible oil imported during the last three years year-wise for supporting public distribution system and proposed to be imported during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The target of indigenous edible oilseeds for the oil year 1986-87 is 148 lakh tonnes. In case this target is achieved, the edible oil production will be 41.3 lakh tonnes.

(b) The wholesale price for Groundnut oil, Mustard oil and Coconut oil at Bombay, Delhi and Cochin respectively as on 6-11-1986 and corresponding prices during the last three years are given below:—

(Rs. per tonne)

	6-11-86	8-11-85	9-11-84	4-11-83
Ground oil:				
Bombay	18720	15392	15964	15392
Mustard oil				
Delhi	17275	11472	13507	15594
Coconut oil				
Cochin	28000	15000	33850	26100

(c) Measures taken by the Government ars as under:

(i) Various measures are taken by the Government to increase the production of indigenous edible oilseeds.

(ii) The allocation of imported edibleoils to States/Union Territories under Public Distribution System are adjusted according to lean and flush season to keep edible oil prices at reasonable level.

(d) The quantity of edible oils imported by State Trading Corporation during the last three oil years is given below:

(in lakh tonnes)

Oil Year (Nov.—Oct.)	Qty. imported
1983-84	16·3 4
1984-85	13·68
1985-86 (upto Sept. 86)	10·17

The quantum of edible oils to be imported is decided by the Government from time to time keeping in view the availability of indigenous edible oils, availability of foreign exchange and other related factors.